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US Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

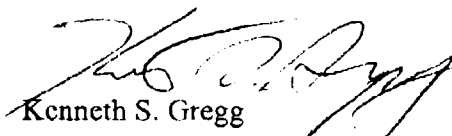
I am writing to express my strong approval of the recent settlement in the three-year antitrust dispute between Microsoft and the federal government. After three long years of litigation and three intensive months of negotiation with a court appointed moderator, this settlement offers the country the chance to end this messy affair.

The terms of the settlement were fair and reasonable. The new government regulations being imposed will hinder Microsoft, but the settlement will allow Microsoft to get back to innovation and the development of technology for the future. These new regulations include forcing Microsoft to submit to a three person, government appointed technical oversight committee, whose role it is to ensure Microsoft's compliance with this settlement agreement. Furthermore, the agreement requires Microsoft to grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to promote non-Microsoft software programs that compete with programs included within Windows. This provision will allow consumers to have the freedom to choose to change their software configuration at any time.

As a computer professional with 22 years of experience in the computer field, and with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in computer science, I am very aware of the technical and business issues involved in the case and the settlement. I firmly believe that continuing to protract this case will have an adverse effect on the PC industry and other segments that depend on it. I also feel it would be a waste of time and taxpayer money to do anything at this point other than to implement the terms of the settlement and move forward.

With the current state of our economy, we don't need to be hamstringing one of the strongest companies in the nation. This settlement will allow Microsoft to focus on business, rather than legal strategy, and for that reason, I support it.

Sincerely,

  
Kenneth S. Gregg